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More Than 850 Spaces Added With East Side & Riverwest Winter Parking Changes

*Ald. D'Amato Says Effort to Boost Available Street Parking In Areas Where Demand
Is High Comes Just In Time*

A Common Council committee has approved parking restriction changes that will significantly increase on-street parking on the lower east side and in parts of the Riverwest neighborhood. All told, the council has added approximately 860 on-street parking spaces this year.

The legislation, introduced by Ald. Michael S. D'Amato and approved earlier this month by the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, will bring additional street parking – on average approximately 20 additional spaces per block – to 3rd Aldermanic District areas that typically see strong demand for street parking. When coupled with similar legislation for other 3rd District street segments in Riverwest and the east side offered by Ald. D'Amato and approved in February – but not taking effect until December 1 – the changes mean a major boost in available street parking for residents.

Ald. D'Amato said the legislation adds hundreds of parking spaces on streets affected by winter parking regulations that require residents to park on one side of the street or alternate sides of the street. The two-inch rule was developed to allow parking on both sides of a street unless snow accumulates to a depth of two or more inches, when snow plows need enough room to get through to clear the street.

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More Winter Parking/ADD ONE

The street segments approved this month by the Public Safety Committee are:

- E. Lyon St. from N. Jefferson St. to N. Franklin Pl.
- E. Knapp St. from N. Van Buren St. to N. Franklin Pl.
- N. Pierce St. from E. Burleigh St. to E. Keefe Ave.
- E. Meinecke Ave. from N. Weil St. to N. Dousman St.

In addition, the committee approved designating E. Ogden Ave. as a “Tow Away Zone” during declared snow emergencies. Parking is allowed on both sides of E. Ogden unless there’s a declared snow emergency. (No parking is allowed during declared snow emergencies on highways marked with “Snow Route Towaway Zone” signs).

Similar legislation introduced by Ald. D’Amato and approved in February 2004 added hundreds of parking spaces to several street segments in Riverwest and one on the east side. Those segments, which take effect Dec. 1, are: N. Bremen St. from E. North Ave. to E. Burleigh St.; N. Fratney St. from E. Meinecke Ave. to E. Locust St.; N. Pierce St. from E. Meinecke Ave. to E. Burleigh St.; and E. Ivanhoe Pl. from N. Farwell Ave. to N. Prospect Ave.

After a two-inch accumulation – day or night – on those streets posted with signs reading “No Parking When Snowfall 2 Inches or More,” drivers must not park on the side of the street where the signs are posted or, if already parked, they must move their vehicle/s to the side of the street that is not posted. After the plows have removed the snow from the posted side of the street, drivers may once again park their cars on the posted side. The fine for a violation of the two-inch rule is \$30.

The 3rd District and east side are home to many older neighborhoods where narrow streets can get congested – especially during winter months when snow accumulates. Because of the high demand for on-street parking in these areas Ald. D’Amato has consistently worked to increase the availability of on-street parking. “I have been working closely with the Department of Public Works to identify streets not covered under the 2-inch rule that can safely and functionally handle parking on both sides of the street between December and March,” said Ald. D’Amato. “So far we’ve been successful in freeing up additional on-street parking spaces in neighborhoods that can definitely use them.”

“However, the success of this arrangement is in the hands of area residents,” said Ald. D’Amato. “Their cooperation in moving their vehicles during a snow plowing operation will dictate our long-term success.”

Winter parking restrictions in the City of Milwaukee will take effect on December 1. Motorists should look for signs describing the parking restrictions along streets that are affected by winter rules.